

RULES AND BY-LAWS OF ST. ROSE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Effective: 7/1/2026

MANAGEMENT:

1. The Cemetery Board shall consist of three officers: The Manager, The President, and the Secretary/Treasurer. (By Archdiocesan Law, the Manager is the Pastor.)
2. In parochial cemeteries, the Pastor is constituted the Manager, with full authority to determine the rights of burial and the rules and regulations of the Cemetery (Statute 152). If the Pastor wishes, he may appoint a lay member as his personal assistant.
3. The President and Secretary/Treasurer are elected from the members of the association. Only one officer is elected each year. The term of officer is two years.
4. All provisions of the Civil Law and the Church Law are an obligation of the Cemetery Board.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. All members of the St. Rose congregation over 21 years of age will be assessed Cemetery Dues of \$20.00 for the perpetual upkeep of the cemetery.
2. Cemetery Dues are to be paid by March 1 of the current year. Dues can be paid using the envelope in the church offering packet or mark an envelope with your name and indicate it is for St. Rose Cemetery.
3. The grave space cost for any member who has paid cemetery dues or paid the one-time perpetual care fee (See #9) will be \$250.00.
4. Non-parishioners may also be Buried at St. Rose Cemetery if they are related to a parishioner, living or deceased. To be eligible they must be a spouse, child (foster & step), Parent (foster & step), Father & Mother-in-law (& step), Daughter and Son-in-law (& step), sibling (step & half). Exceptions may be granted by the Pastor/Manager in advance of death after consulting with the Cemetery Board.
5. Unrelated non-parishioners will not be allowed to be buried at St. Rose Cemetery
6. Any member whose dues have not been paid for (5) years, upon death, will be considered a non-parishioner and still may be buried at St. Rose Cemetery under the provisions of #4.
7. Non-parishioners will be charged \$2,500.00 per regular grave. Non-parishioners' cremated remains, buried on an existing plot, will be charged \$500.00. Cremated remains must be in an approved container.
8. All persons living outside the St. Rose parish that are members of St. Rose Church and the Cemetery Association may continue their membership.
9. Members that are 70 years of age or older may elect to pay a one-time perpetual care fee. The calculation for the perpetual care fee is: 80 minus your current age multiplied by the current year's cemetery fees(dues). Once a member is 80 years of age dues are no longer required.
10. Any member who leaves the parish due to retirement, old age, sickness or any similar reason may keep their membership by:
 - a. Continuing to pay their annual dues, or
 - b. Paying the perpetual care fee.

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ORDER OF BURIAL:

1. A grave space will be determined in the order in which members die, unless a space is reserved.
2. A grave space may be reserved by the surviving spouse of the deceased who has been buried in the St. Rose Cemetery. The reservation must be made before the next burial. There is no reservation fee. Annual dues are still in effect.
3. Other members of the Association who wish to reserve a grave space must pay a fee of \$250.00 per grave and contract for a monument before the next burial. Annual dues are still in effect.
4. All graves must be identified with a suitable marker. The base of which must be put down and all headstones erected with six (6) months of grave purchase.
5. No grave may be opened until the Pastor has certified that the deceased has a right to re-burial or to be buried in the St. Rose cemetery.
6. The Pastor/Manager has the right to require full payment of all fees before granting permission to "open a grave".
7. Opening and closing of a grave will be the responsibility of the relatives. They may receive any help that is needed. Use of any heavy equipment must have the permission of the Cemetery Board. NO grave may be opened until it has been marked at the exact spot by the Cemetery Board.
8. Fees and dues as stated in the Rules transfer burial rights but do not constitute ownership. Property "title" remains in the possession of the St. Rose Congregation.
9. No work of any kind may be done on the cemetery property except with the approval of the Cemetery Board and must be performed under its direction.
10. No planting of any kind will be permitted on the graves or any other part of the cemetery property.
11. The Cemetery Board may remove any wilted or faded decorations.
12. Graves may be decorated with cut flowers and wreaths on Memorial Day and All Souls Day only. At all other times decorations must be placed on the grave marker.
13. Items may be placed on grave stones/markers. No glass is allowed on cemetery grounds.
14. An approved vault is required for all burials.
15. Cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. This includes the use of a worthy container. Only a vault box is allowed. The cremated remains shall be buried in a regular grave. No more than two cremation vaults per grave plot are allowed or one casket and one cremation vault. The practice of scattering cremated remains is not allowed at St. Rose Cemetery. A grave with cremated remains shall have a suitable headstone.
16. Mausoleums and stone grave coverings are not allowed at St. Rose Cemetery.
17. Old grave markers that are beyond repair will be removed and placed in a remote location on cemetery property. Every effort will be made to notify family members before a move takes place and they will be given an opportunity to replace the markers.
18. Any services or ceremony not conducted by the local Pastor shall be approved by the local Pastor.
19. Any case not foreseen by these Rules will be decided by the Pastor/Manager after consulting with the Cemetery Board.
20. Purchaser is responsible for the footer. The footer will be the width of the plot.